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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of RCN Telecom Services, Inc., enclosed please find an original and four (4) copies of the above-referenced Application. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to us. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Burt

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cc: Kristen Smoot

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Section 63.71 Application of)	
)	Docket No. 06- _____
RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC)	
)	
For Authority to Discontinue Telephone Service)	
In Chicago, Illinois)	

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC ("RCN"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section **214** of the Communications Act of **1934**, as amended, **47 U.S.C. § 214**. and Section **63.71** of the Commission's rules, **47 C.F.R. § 63.71**, hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of local exchange and domestic ~~and international~~ long ~~distance~~ to analog customers in the City of Chicago, Illinois. In support of this Application, RCN submits the following information:

I. Description of Discontinuance

1. Name and address of carrier

RCN Telecom Services ~~of~~ Illinois, LLC
2640 W. Bradley Place
Chicago, IL **60618**

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

~~The~~ anticipated date for the proposed discontinuance of ~~service~~ is May **29,2007**, or as soon thereafter ~~as~~ the necessary ~~state~~ and federal approval can be obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

The proposed discontinuance of service will affect service provided to the City of Chicago, Illinois.

4. Brief description of the type of service affected

RCN proposes to discontinue the provision of international long distance services in the City of Chicago, Illinois to those customers receiving service via the **UNE** loop platform.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Written notice to all affected customers **substantially** in the form of the sample letters attached **as** Exhibit **A** were mailed to customers on March 26, 2007.

6. Non-dominance of the carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

RCN is non-dominant with respect to the service that it **proposes** to discontinue.

7. Service

In accordance with Section 63.71 **of** the Commission's rules, RCN has **mailed a copy** of **this** application to the Illinois Governor, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for **the Secretary** of Defense.

8. Additional questions regarding this application may be addressed to the undersigned or:

Kristen M. Smoot
Director Regulatory Affairs
RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC
2640 W. Bradley Place
Chicago, **IL** 60618
Tel: **(312) 955-2322**

II. Circumstances of Discontinuance

RCN has determined to revise its business plan and to discontinue the provision **of** analog telephone services, including the international telecommunications services, in Chicago, Illinois.

RCN's discontinuance of services to customers, while regrettable, is necessary and appropriate, and will not adversely affect the public convenience and necessity. The public will not be unduly harmed by RCN's discontinuance of the telecommunications service described above because customers have been given notice that affords them an ample opportunity to migrate to RCN's digital service, where available, or transfer to a new carrier. The basic local telephone services that are being discontinued are readily available from other carriers, and RCN has provided substantially more than the minimum 30-day notice required by the Commission for discontinuance of domestic services.

III. Conclusion

RCN believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, RCN will take all reasonable steps, to the extent it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, RCN respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of services to customers in the City of Chicago, Illinois pursuant to Section 63.71

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: March 28, 2007

EXHIBIT A

Customer Notice Letters



*** * * DISCONTINUANCE NOTICE - DO NOT DISREGARD * * ***

March 26, 2007

Dear RCN Customer,

As a valued customer, we want to inform you of a necessary change to your telephone service. There have been many advances in the delivery of telephone service **over** the last several years. RCN has taken advantage of **our** superior network to bring digital phone service to our customers.

We have been providing digital phone for over **two years** and have had great success in providing quality and reliable service to all of our phone customers. Since **we** have had such great success we will now migrate **our** remaining Chicago area customers whose service is provided on **our** legacy phone system to our improved digital phone platform.

As of May 29, 2007, RCN will no longer be able to continue providing your local and long distance phone service since it is on the old system. We would like to **keep** serving your phone needs by migrating your service to the new platform.

Please take this **opportunity** to call 800.RING.RCN and upgrade today. RCN's digital phone **offers** you state of the art technology, superior sound quality and you can keep your current phone number. **Plus**, it works with fax machines and home security systems.

We have new pricing packages that you may be able to take advantage of. Also, to thank **you** for the chance to continue providing phone service to you, upon the successful installation **of** your digital phone service, we will credit your account \$50.

If you choose not to upgrade to RCN's digital phone service, you will need to immediately contact a new service provider to have your service changed by May 29th. **Absent a switch to our digital service, you**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another **carrier** or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than **15** days after the Commission released public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, D.C. **20554**, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon **you** or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute **service**.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you. We truly value you as a customer and hope that you will choose to remain with RCN **so** that we can continue to provide you with exceptional service on our state-of-the-art digital phone platform.

Sincerely,

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC
2640 W. Bradley Place
Chicago, IL **60618**



*** * * NOTICE OF SERVICE DISCONTINUANCE - DO NOT DISREGARD * * ***

March 26, 2007

Dear RCN Customer,

Regrettably, we hereby notify you that your current RCN phone service will be discontinued as of May 29, 2007.

As of May 29, 2007, RCN will no longer provide service to locations in Chicago that are not served by our digital service platform. Unfortunately, your home is not currently wired to RCN's network and therefore RCN will no longer be able to provide your local and **long** distance phone service after May 29, 2007. You will therefore need to immediately contact a new service provider to have your service changed by May 29th.

We do not want your service interrupted! Please take this opportunity to immediately choose and contact a new phone provider for your home prior to May 29, 2007. Please call us at 312-955-2862 if you have further questions regarding the discontinuance of your services.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service **unless** it **is** shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission released public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, D.C. 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of **this** proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

RCN Telecom Services of Illinois, LLC
2640 W. Bradley Place
Chicago, IL **60608**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of **RCN Telecom Services** of Illinois, LLC **was** served this 28th day of March **2007**, by **mailing** true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed **below**.

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301



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